

genocide, or claim that the Holocaust against the Jewish people did not occur or did not occur on a massive scale. But as an American and as a citizen of the world, I am equally concerned about attempts to cover up and deny other genocides.

I am certainly concerned that the occupant of this chair at UCLA may feel or may be pushed toward trying to deny the great massacres at Smyrna, or the genocide of the Armenian people that occurred in the first two or three decades of this century.

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Those of us concerned with history must remember that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it, and those of us concerned with avoiding genocide must remember, never forget and never again. Indeed, the history of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey are two subjects of academic study. But that study should be unbiased and uninfluenced.

I would suggest that UCLA look at a number of academics who have studied the history of Anatolia, the history of the Caucasus, who have established their academic freedom and their academic independence. For example, Marjorie Housepian Dolkin or Speros Vronis would make excellent occupants of this new chair in Turkish and Ottoman history, and their academic independence would be beyond question. Whoever occupies any chair looking at the modern history of Turkey should look not only at the promise of

this nation, but also some of its misdeeds as well.

Last week, I had a chance to talk to Kathryn Cameron Porter and to talk also with several others who, along with her, are fasting to protest the Turkish Government's imprisonment of Leyla Zana, a duly elected member of the Turkish Parliament who has been arrested for addressing a committee of this House of Representatives.

As an American, I am offended that someone would be imprisoned for giving us their views. And as a graduate of UCLA, I want to make sure that any review of modern Turkish history is complete and full and focuses on some of the human rights abuses, including the imprisonment of Ms. Zana.

I look forward to UCLA expanding upon its reputation as one of America's and one of the world's great universities and look forward to UCLA doing so by looking at all aspects of Turkish history and the history of the Ottoman Empire.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

#### Committee on Appropriations [Dollars in millions]

Discretionary	Current allocation		Change		Revised allocation	
	BA	O	BA	O	BA	O
General Purpose .....	\$520,120	\$549,837	+45	+41	\$520,165	\$549,878
Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund .....	5,500	3,592	.....	.....	5,500	3,592
Total .....	525,620	553,429	+45	+41	525,665	553,470

The aggregate levels for budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 1998 are increased as follows:

[Dollars in millions]

Current aggregates:	
BA .....	\$1,387,183
O .....	1,372,461
Change:	
BA .....	+\$45
O .....	+41
Revised aggregates:	
BA .....	1,387,228
O .....	1,372,502

#### BUMBLEBEE BRIGADE FLIES ON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, experts tell us that the bumblebee should not be able to fly. They tell us that the bee's body is too heavy and its wings are too small. Washington experts, with similar assuredness, told us that the budget could not be balanced, enti-

lements were too large, taxes were too low. Experts can be wrong.

Just a few years ago, the experts said that the Republicans could not take control of Congress. It had not been done, after all, in 40 years. Well, the voters proved them wrong in 1994, when they sent a new majority here to Washington. I was a member of that new class of representatives, that I like to call the Bumblebee Brigade, because we did not know what we could not do.

As we reach the end of this session of Congress, let us see how the hive is doing. In 1995, Republicans swarmed onto Capitol Hill with the promise to reform Congress and vote on 10 historic bills within our first 100 days. We called that promise the Contract with America. The experts told us that we were too ambitious and that it could not be done. Instead of listening to them, we kept our promises, and today almost all of that Contract has been signed into law.

Those same experts told us that we could not reform welfare. Well, once

tleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(C) of the Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33), when an appropriation specifies an amount for "Continuing Disability Reviews" under the "Limitation on Administrative Expenses" account for the Social Security Administration, the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and the aggregate budget totals shall be adjusted for the additional budget authority and resulting outlays subject to limits set forth in that act.

On July 28, 1997, an additional \$245 million in budget authority and \$232 million in outlays was provided upon the reporting of the appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related agencies for fiscal year 1998 (H.R. 105-2264).

The conference report on H.R. 105-2264 has been filed and contain \$290 million in budget authority and \$273 million in outlays for continuing disability reviews. These amounts are within the limits established for fiscal year 1998. Therefore, the allocation to the Appropriations Committee and the aggregate budget totals for fiscal year 1998 are being raised by \$45 million in budget authority and \$41 million in outlays as shown on the attached table.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon enactment of the legislation.

again, they were wrong. We passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act last summer. By converting much of the program into block grants and requiring work, we have nudged more than one million families off welfare rolls and onto payrolls. Today we are saving money. But more importantly, Mr. Speaker, we are saving people.

The critics told us we could not cut taxes while we were balancing the budget. On this issue, too, they were wrong. This summer, we passed the Taxpayer Relief Act, providing American families with their first tax cut in 16 years. We also encouraged investment and savings by slashing capital gains taxes by more than 30 percent.

Despite this, the experts have continued to criticize this Republican Congress. But as John Adams said, "Facts are stubborn things." The truth sometimes stings. The critics say that "business as usual" is still the rule on Capitol Hill and nothing has changed

in the last 2½ years. The facts say otherwise. We cut congressional committee staffs by one-third, passed term limits for the Speaker of the House and committee chairmen, opened congressional hearings to the public, forced Congress to get a three-fifths vote before hiking taxes, and made it live by the laws it passes. And that was all done on just the first day of the 104th Congress.

Shortly thereafter, we cut congressional spending by 10 percent, banned lobbyists from giving gifts to Members of Congress, and rescinded more than \$9 billion in 1995 spending agreed to under the old majority.

Critics say that Government spending has not changed since 1995. The fact is that in the 7 years before the GOP Congress, Government spending grew by an average of 5.3 percent per year. In the last 2 years, however, spending has grown by an average of only 3.1 percent. In the 20 years before a GOP majority, Congress spent an average of \$1.21 for every dollar it took in. Today that number is \$1.01.

The critics have been especially rough on our balanced budget agreement, saying that it does too little to entitlement programs and assumes a future of tall clover, balancing the budget with rosy economic forecasts. The fact is that Government spending slows the rate of growth of entitlement spending by over \$400 billion over the next 10 years. Rather than relying on pie-in-the-sky economics, the agreement actually assumes that the economy, which has been growing at an average of 2.7 percent in the last 5 years, will actually slow down and grow by only 2.1 percent over the next 5 years.

The critics say that we have gotten off track in our plan to balance the budget. Once again, they were wrong. In our 7-year balanced budget plan, we estimated that we would collect about \$1.43 trillion in revenue in 1996 and \$1.45 trillion in 1997. Similarly, we projected spending \$1.59 trillion in 1996 and \$1.62 trillion in 1997. Because of the strong economy, however, we have actually taken in \$149 billion more than we expected. And the sweeter news is that in the last 2 years we have actually spent \$48 billion less than our projections.

To put it another way, for 2 years Congress has had \$149 billion more to spend than it planned. But unlike previous Congresses, we held the line on spending and came in \$48 billion under our goals. Does anyone seriously believe that if a Democratic Congress found itself with nearly \$150 billion in unexpected revenue it would spend \$48 billion less than its budget targets?

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "It is not the critic who counts." Similarly, the bumblebee really does not care what the experts or critics say about how he is flying. He just flies and goes about his business. He simply does not know any better.

Since we buzzed into Washington to begin our work in 1995, the stock market has doubled, interest rates have

dropped by 25 percent, and 6.4 million new jobs have been created. Above all, this year the deficit stands at \$23 billion, the lowest it has been in more than 20 years.

If the critics can continue to ignore the facts, we will just have to ignore the critics. To paraphrase the old Arab proverb, "Dogs may bark in the night, but the bumblebee brigade flies on."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAFALCE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LAFALCE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. TOWNS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. TOWNS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SANDERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. FURSE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. STURDIVANT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. RUSH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I rise to give tribute to the late John N. Sturdivant,

President of the American Federation of Government Employees. John died last week, after a heroic battle with leukemia.

Family, friends, and co-workers said farewell to John Sturdivant this week at a memorial service. He will be deeply missed.

John Sturdivant dedicated his life to working people, especially government workers. As leader of AFGE—178,000 members representing one-third of our federal workforce—John fought tirelessly to transform the union into a dynamic advocate for the working and middle class Americans who make up the D.C. and federal workforce.

John led a vigorous national campaign for pay raises, better benefits, and working conditions. He worked hard with legislators at all levels, to encourage "locality pay." This promotes a salary system that makes sure that federal workers are paid at a comparable level with private sector workers.

John was at the forefront of a struggle that my constituents who are public service and federal workers face daily: the fight against privatization. He also fought for the use of "official time," and was a champion of the struggle to protect federal workers' retirement benefits.

We will remember John Sturdivant for many contributions. He championed the right of federal workers to have a voice in politics. Working in a bipartisan manner, John Sturdivant worked to secure reforms to the Hatch Act. These changes now allow federal workers to contribute money, attend fundraisers and do volunteer election work such as staffing phone banks.

I have worked closely during my years in public service with AFGE. It will be hard for the union to replace John. But I know that his example, courage, and leadership have made the union and the entire labor movement stronger.

I offer my deepest sympathy to John Sturdivant's companion Peggy Potter, his daughter, Michelle, his mother, Mrs. Ethiel Jessie, and his brothers.

I thank you for this chance to remember an outstanding American, an outstanding African-American labor leader, and an outstanding human being truly committed to social justice for all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. McNULTY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. McNULTY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

#### RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLEMINGTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PAPPAS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, in just a few weeks, congregants of the Flemington Jewish Community Center in Flemington, New Jersey, and many of their friends will gather to celebrate several significant milestones in their faith and in their community. On November 23, the Flemington Jewish